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1. On the evening of 13 September, 20 Soviet-made trucks carrying 800 North Korean (NK) soldiers passed through Chunyang (128-54, 36-56) toward Ponghwa (128-50, 36-52). Seventy percent of the troops were equipped with Soviet rifles or sub-machine guns; the rest were equipped with light machine guns, and carried an unknown number of 122-mm. guns, ten 76-mm. howitzers, five 120-mm. mortars and thirty-six 60-mm. and 82-mm. mortars. Five tanks followed. The troops wore NK summer uniforms, with blue cloth armbands; there was a red line through the middle of the armband, and unidentified characters written on the band. Two hundred of these troops were NKPA regulars with 2 years' experience; the rest were recruited in the Wonsan area on 29 July, and were given only 2 weeks' training. They left Wonsan in mid-August, and were assigned guard duty in Kyongju.
2. In mid-September the ROK 8 Division captured some (unstated number) 120-mm. mortars, heavy artillery, and machine guns, with clear Chinese markings on the heavy weapons.
3. Five Soviet officers driving north in a jeep were observed on 1 July in Toksu (unlocated) (near Wonju, (127-56, 37-20). The majority wore yellow (?infantry) shoulderboards; their rank was unknown. On 7 July, one Soviet officer was a passenger on a truck carrying NKPA troops going north at Sinnimni (128-06, 37-14).

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